MR. G. K. NARAYANA RAO (Gudibanda Sub-Taluk).—

Q.—**41.** Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) When is it that the dam across the Kusavati in Gudibanda Sub-Taluk breached?

(2) What area of the wet lands has been lying fallow on this account and what is the extent of loss to Government?

(3) Has an estimate for restoration of this dam been prepared? If so, when?

(4) Why was not the estimate sanctioned?

(5) Is it not profitable to Government to restore the dam?

(6) If so, when is the work likey to be taken up?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(1) There are 7 or 8 dams (*i.e.*, earthen vaddus) under the Gudibanda Byrasagara Tank across the Kusavati. It is not known which of these vaddus is referred to. No information about the breach of any of these is available. Probably the member refers to the state of disrepair of channels under the Deeparthi Vaddu. The answers given refer to this vaddu.

(2) No information is available on this point. It has been called for and will be furnished.

(3) An estimate amounting to Rs. 16,612 was prepared by the Executive Engineer in December 1922 to restore the channels under the Deeparthi Vaddu, the most important of the earthen dams under the Byrasagara Tank.

(4) In connection with the estimate referred to, the raiyats did not agree to pay any contribution and the present unsatisfactory condition of the irrigation system below this vaddu is considered to be entirely due to the neglect of maintenance on the part of the raiyats. At the same time, as it is considered necessary to carry out repair works to prevent further deterioration, the question is engaging the attention of the Public Works Department and the Revenue department.

(5) The work is not of a remunerative character so far as Government is concerned, as it is not likely to bring additional revenue.

(6) A report will be called for from the Chief Engineer and orders issued in the matter in due course.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Narayana Rao.—.

Are not Government aware that a number of tanks in the Gudibanda Sub-Taluk have breached last year and that no action has been taken to repair them?

Secretary, P. W. D.—

Government have no information about it. If any specific instances are brought to their notice, they will enquire.

MR. S. HAMPAIAH (Sidlaghatta Taluk).—

Q.—42. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) If it has come to the notice of Government that there is no ready sale in the market for the silk manufactured in the country?

(2) Will Government kindly state what arrangements, if any, are made in respect of obtaining prices for our silk?

SECOND MEMBER.—

A.—(1) Government understand that there is no no ready sale in the market for silk; this feature is however, not peculiar to Mysore and is due to world-wide causes.

(2) Government have been attempting to find a market for the filature silk and will be glad to receive suggestions from the member. No measures are under contemplation by Government for marketing country silk.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Hampaiah.—

With reference to the reply (2) above will Government be pleased to arrange for finding a market for the sale of silk produced locally? This matter has been discussed in the Industries Board.

Second Member.—

Government will consider the question after the report of the Sub-Committee of the Board is received.